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# Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 November 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-11 and 13-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-11, 13-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### DETAILED ACTION

This Action is in response to Applicant's response filed on 11/15/2007. **Claims 5 and 12** have been cancelled. **Claims 1-4, 6-11, and 13-15** are still pending in the present application.

#### *Response to Arguments*

Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

#### *Double Patenting*

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

**Claims 1-15** are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 7,260,414. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other.

Independent **claim 1** of the instant application recites “a method for initializing a push-to-talk call over a wireless communication network.”“transmitting a connection status message to the calling handset to instruct the calling handset to open an audio channel in response to receiving the acknowledgment message” which recites similar features of claim 1 of US 7,260,414.

Independent **claims 8 and 15** of the instant application recite similar features of independent claim 1 of US 7,260,414.

Regarding **claim 2** of the instant application, claims 2 and 8 of US 7,260,414 claims a wireless communication network is a code division multiple access network.

Regarding **claim 4** of the instant application, claims 4 and 10 of US 7,260,414 claims a control channel that is a forward common control channel.

Regarding **claim 7** of the instant application, claims 3 and 9 of US 7,260,414 claims a control channel that is a forward common control channel.

Regarding **claim 9** of the instant application, claims 2 and 8 of US 7,260,414 claims a forward common control channel.

Regarding **claim 14** of the instant application, claims 3 and 9 of US 7,260,414 claims a control channel that is a reverse enhanced access channel.

*Reasons for Allowance*

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Consider independent **claim 1**, the best prior art of record found during the examination of the present application, Rosen et al. (US 2002/0173326 A1) in view of Black (US 2004/0057405 A1), fails to specifically disclose, teach or suggest creating an announce message corresponding to the push-to-talk initialization request; addressing the announce message to the recipient handset; and broadcasting the announce message over the wireless communication network, wherein the announce message is transmitted over a plurality of base stations the plurality of base stations covering a geographic region where the recipient handset is expected to be located.

These teachings clearly differ from the claimed invention, therefore, claim 1 of the present application is considered novel and nonobvious over the prior art and, consequently, is allowed.

**Claims 2-4 and 6-7** are allowable because they are dependent upon independent claim 1.

Independent **claims 8 and 15** recite similar features of independent claim 1. Therefore, these teachings clearly differ from the claimed invention, therefore claims 8 and 15 of the present application is considered novel and nonobvious over the prior art and, consequently, is allowed.

**Claims 9-11 and 13-15** are allowable because they are dependent upon independent claim 8.

*Conclusion*

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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Examiner should be directed to Bobbak Safaipoor whose telephone number is (571) 270-1092.

The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Lana Le can be reached on (571) 272-7891. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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